

## GERMANY TO TORPEDO ARMED MERCHANT SHIPS

London, Feb. 11.—New issues, as grave as those revolving about sinking of Lusitania, may arise between U. S. and central powers, officials here declared today, as result of German announcement that all enemy armed merchantmen will be treated as warships and torpedoes without warning after Feb. 29.

Austria, according to Amsterdam dispatch today, has handed to American ambassador at Vienna note almost identical in text with German communication.

London.—Beginning with local attacks in Artois and south of Arras, fighting is now spreading all along western front. Petrograd reports Russians engaged in heavy attack against Austrian positions northwest of Czernowitz and along entire front from Bessarabia to Volhynia.

French have been counter-attacking almost without cessation for 48 hours in Vimy heights region.

London.—Belgian legation today reiterated recent denial of reports that Germany has made proposals of peace to Belgium.

### SOFT SNAPS



## TELEGRAPH BRIEFS

New York.—Mollie Fancher, famous invalid of Brooklyn, who had been bedridden for 50 years, is dead.

Washington.—Sec'y Daniels approved report of academic board of naval academy for dismissal of 8 cadets for failure to make grades of 62½ per cent in examinations.

San Francisco.—Warrants being served on German consular representatives and local shipping men indicted for neutrality violations.

Oswego, N. Y.—Major James E. Normoyle, commandant at Fort Ontario, dead. Blood poisoning.

New York.—Net earnings of 465 per cent on capitalization of \$1,000,000 reported by Winchester Repeating Arms Co. Made huge profits in war orders.

New York.—Col. Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt, will sail on 30-day tour of West Indies on Liner Guiana today.

Calgary, Alt.—Alberta government took \$2,000,000 insurance with Lloyd's, London, against damage to government buildings by any act of alien enemies.

New York.—Crew of schooner John Bossert to be landed following rescue by pilot boat when Bossert broke into flames off Atlantic Highlands, south of Sandy Hook.

New York.—William Bergold simply can't laugh today. His laugh in court, when his wife charged him with molesting her cost Bergold 30 day jail sentence.

McKees Rocks, Pa.—Leaving a note to his parents asking for a "nice funeral from the house," David Wagner, 18, killed himself.

London.—Norwegian steamer Vaarli sunk by mine in North sea.

John Halicki sentenced to 35 years for his part in murder of Steve Zbor-el, saloonkeeper, 93d and Vaughan. Death sentence will be sought for Geo. Ely.